

To Dave and others ⁹⁷ 4/23/68 from MI
(Sunday + Monday)

When Jim Lagus was here to get some records for his own writing I showed him the blue folder on my desk so he could make copies of any of the records I've kept in it in the belief they would interest others. As I noticed before, the folder is much thinner than it was. As I went over it I noticed that some of the records I'd kept in it are missing although in the recent past several I believed would interest Lagus were not missing. I write to ask that if you have what I mention below you please let me have copies.

One of those records was a single sheet. It was the Gemberling synopsis of the several volumes of reports he sent to headquarters the day Shaneyfelt was there and had the curbstone dug up, August 5, 1964 as I recall.

Also a single sheet was the second Newson report on the Bronson film. The first of ~~that~~ that pair of reports was of two ^{reports} pages. Both are dated 11/24/63. The second says the pictures show the President being assassinated but even when it was free Newson did not accept a copy because ^{he said} it could not be used for identification. That is a lie other than ~~was~~ of Oswald with a smoking gun.

The Gemberling synopsis also may have caused embarrassment to the FBI because he says that the missed bullet left a hole or scar or mark and that it no longer existed when Shaneyfelt took the curb for lab-analysis.

I've used both of these extensively and they should be embarrassing to the FBI.

Wags got the Bronson file from the basement. The second report is not in it and there is in it what I do not remember being in it and I did not put in it, extra copies of the first report.

I checked the Bronson file in my office and the same is true, extra copies of the first I did not make and put there and no copy of the second report. I have no reason to believe that anyone ever searched the office Bronson file.

Also no longer in the blue folder is the complete carbon copy of what Senator Russell prepared to say at the executive session he forced 9/18/64. Individual pages are there in duplicate but not the stapled complete version. I was able to give that to Lagus from the original I could and did locate.

Enclosed is a letter I wrote the Archives after getting a small selection of FBI defamations of me. I intended attaching some documentation to it and did have that in my office in a legal size manila ^{envelope} folder that was sticking up above the files in a box on the filing cabinets. I had moved that box and what I wanted is not with it after I moved it or anywhere else I can think of and I have gone over my office with care, as best I could now.

As will be obvious, all I had in that manila envelope ^{is} what also could be embarrassing to the FBI because of the really dishonest versions of it the FBI distributed internally and to others. Nobody who could have had any interest in my not having that has been here that I know of since I last saw it. I therefore suspect that it was taken when I was not here. No bid deal for pros. And we have the simplest of locks.

In addition to that letter ^{my} from Arnold, Fortas, Porter and a Lawyer they had on the case there was copies of the series of articles ~~Bob~~ Andrews wrote and a xerox of his book. Among the others who wrote in defense of me and the others in that pogrom were Joe Alsop. A copy of his column was there. There was also the State public apology and the news story when the official blamed for it was fired. (In fact the FBI was in on it and it worked, from records I had not in that group, with John Peurifoy.)

There was probably more but this is enough to indicate what is no longer here and of which I'll appreciate copies if you can provide them. I would have attached them to the letter to Tilley and may send them later.

I would also appreciate copies of the second Bronson report by Newsom and of the Gemberling synopsis saying the bullet hole is not there any more.

Those records are embarrassing to the FBI rather than to Hoover, which may be a consideration.

There may be no relevance and I do not remember when it was but there was a time that I noticed the channel the cordless phone base, which I use as a speakerphone only in my office, was on a different channel. I do not remember correcting it or having even bothered to learn how but after a while and after my mention of it on the phone it was back on the channel it had been on.

There is no doubt in my mind that most of what is missing from the desk blue folder was taken by those who go over that folder and copy what they'd like but that does not explain what is missing from my office Bronson file, which I did not remember that I have and would not have referred anyone to. And there has been nobody I referred to that envelope of records having to do with my exoneration by and at State.

I have not made any kind of inventory or effort to identify what else may be missing. I know of these because Tague was here and wanted what he can use and because I'd have attached some to my letter to Tilley.

I would appreciate copies as soon as convenient for you. I know I gave some of you some of these.